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Ode, for the Fourth of July.

BY HENRY B. HIRST.

Land of my fathers, of the Free—
Tried brave, the great in heart—
From ocean wave, to icy Pole,
Thy blazing flag shall ever roll—
The starry symbol of each soul,
Where liberty has part.

God bless thee—and thy manly sons;
Whose arms are ever thine;
Whose breathe are as the lightning's gleam;
Whose flashing sword shall ever stream,
With despot's blood—a ruddy beam,
Of freedom's strength, the sign.

Thy daughters too, a gentle band—
The mothers of the free;
The shrewn of each manly arm;
The hearth stone's best and brightest charm—
Whose gentle ties, the heart must warm,
To love for them, and thee.

Free as the ocean's surging foam—
That breasts thy rocky shore,
Oh! be thy verdant sod my grave;
Or, which thy starry flag shall wave;
Then climate may lower, and tempests rave,
When I shall be no more.

The Broken Heart.

BY G. D. PRENTICE.

I have seen the infant sinking down, like a withered flower, to the grave—the strong man fiercely breathing out his soul upon the field of battle—the miserable convict standing upon the scaffold with a deep curse quivering on his lips; I have viewed death in all its forms of darkness and vengeance, with a cautious eye—but I never could look on woman, fading away from the earth in beautiful and unconplaining melancholy, without feeling the very fountains of life turned to tears and dust. Death is always terrible—but when a form of angel beauty is passing off to the silent land of the sleepers, the heart feels that something lovely is ceasing from existence, and breathes with a sense of utter desolation, over the lonely thoughts that come up, like spectres from the grave, to haunt our midnight musings.

Two years ago, I took my residence for a few weeks, in a country village in the eastern part of New England. Soon after my arrival, I became acquainted with a lovely girl, apparently about seventeen years of age. She had lost the idol of her pure heart's purest love, and the shadow of deep and holy memories rested like the wing of death upon her brow. I first met her in the presence of the mirthful. She was indeed a creature to be worshipped—her brow was garlanded by the young year's sweetest flowers—her yellow locks were hanging beautifully and low upon her bosom—and she moved through the crowd with such a floating, unearthly grace, that the bewildered gazer looked almost to see her faint away in the air, like the creation of some pleasant dream. She seemed cheerful and even gay; yet I saw that her gaiety was but the mockery of her feelings. She smiled, but there was something in her smile which told that its mournful beauty was but the bright reflection of a tear—and her eyelids at times closing heavily down, as if struggling to repress the tide of agony that was bursting up from her heart's secret urn. She looked as if she could have left the scene of festivity and gone out beneath the quiet stars, and laid her forehead down upon the fresh green earth, and poured out her stricken soul, gush after gush, till it mingled with the eternal fountain of life and purity.

Days and weeks passed on, and that sweet girl gave me her confidence, and I became to her as a brother. The smile upon her lip was faint, the purple veins upon her neck grew visible, and the cadences of her voice became daily more weak and tremulous. On a quiet evening in June, I wandered out with her in the open air. It was then that she first told me of the tale of her passion, and of the blight that came down like mildew upon her life—love had been a portion of her existence. Its tendrils had been twined around her heart in its earliest years; and when they were rent away it left a wound which flowed till all the springs of her soul were blood. "I am passing away," said she, "and it should be so. The winds have passed over my life, and the bright bud of hope, and the sweet blossoms of passion, are scattered down, and lie withering in the dust. And yet I cannot go down among the tombs without a tear. It is hard to take leave of friends who love me; it is very hard to bid farewell to those dear scenes with which I have held communion from childhood, and which from day to day have caught the color of my life, and sympathized with its joys and sorrows. That little grave, where I have so often strayed with my buried love, and where, at times, even now, the sweetest music of his spirit seems to come stealing around me, till the whole air becomes one intense and mournful melody; the pensive star in which my fancy can still picture his form looking down upon me, and beckoning me on to his own bright home—every flower and rivulet, on which our early love has set his undying seal, have become dear to me, and I cannot, without a sigh, close my eyes upon them forever.

I have lately heard that the beautiful girl of whom I have spoken is dead. The close of her life was calm as the falling of a quiet stream—gentle as the sinking of the breeze that lingers for a time around a bed of withering roses, and then dies as it were from very sweetness.

It cannot be that earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that our life is a bubble cast up by the ocean of eternity to float a moment upon the wave, and then sink into darkness and nothingness. Else why is it that the aspirations which leap like angels from the temple of our hearts are forever wandering abroad unsatisfied. Why is it that the rainbow and cloud come over us with a beauty that is not of earth, and then pass off and leave us to muse upon their faded loveliness? Why is it that the stars which hold their festivity around the midnight throne, are so far above the reach of our limited faculties—forever mocking us by their unapproachable glory? And finally, why is it that bright forms of human beauty are presented to our view and then taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of our affection to flow back in cold and alpine torrents upon our hearts? We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades—where the stars will be spread out before us like the islands that slumber in the ocean—and where the beautiful beings that here pass before us like visions, stay in our presence forever. Bright creature of my dreams! in that realm I shall one day meet again. Even now thy lost image is sometimes with me. In the mysterious silence of midnight, when the streams are glowing in the light of the many stars, that image comes floating upon the dreams that linger around my pillow, and stands before me in its pale dim loveliness, till its own quiet spirit sinks like a spell from heaven upon my thoughts, and the grief of years is turned to dreams of blessedness and peace.

Absence of Mind—Last Case.—

A pious old lady in Connecticut recently woke up on a Saturday morning, and, fancying it Sunday, started off for church. She found every body on the way attending to their ordinary business, and was perceiving herself that they were engaged in works of necessity, until she happened to spy the deacon digging in his garden, when she was instantly convinced of the error, and started back again!

Master Humphrey's Clock.

BY CHARLES DICKENS, ESQ.

The Old Curiosity Shop.

The child was closely followed by an elderly man of remarkable hard features and forbidding aspect, and so low in stature as to be quite a dwarf, though his head and face were large enough for the body of a giant. His black eyes were restless, sly, and cunning; his mouth and chin, bristly with the stubble of a coarse, hard beard; his complexion was one of that kind which never looks clean or wholesome. But what added most to the grotesque expressions of his face, was a ghastly smile, which, appearing to be the mere result of habit and to have no connection with any mirthful or complacent feeling, momentarily revealed the few discolored fangs that were yet scattered in his mouth, and gave him the aspect of a panting dog. His dress consisted of a large high-crowned hat, a worn dark suit, a pair of capacious shoes, and a dirty white neckerchief sufficiently limp and crumpled to disclose the greater portion of his wiry throat. Such hair as he had, was of a grizzled black, cut short and straight upon his temples, and hanging in a frowzy fringe about his ears. His hands, which were of a rough coarse grain, were very dirty; his finger-nails were crooked, long, and yellow.

There was ample time to note these particulars, for besides that they were sufficiently obvious without very close observation, some moments elapsed before any one broke silence. The child advanced timidly toward her brother and put her hand in his, the dwarf (if we may call him so) glanced keenly at all present, and the curiosity dealer, who plainly had not expected his uncouth visitor, seemed disconcerted and embarrassed.

"Ah!" said the dwarf, who with his head stretched out above his eye had been surveying the young man attentively, "that should be your grandson, neighbor?"

"Something violent, no doubt."

"You're right there," returned the little man, highly gratified by the compliment, for such he evidently considered it; and grinning like a devil as he rubbed his dirty hands together. "Ash Mrs. Quilp, pretty Mrs. Quilp, obedient, timid, loving Mrs. Quilp. But that reminds me—I have left her all alone, and she will be anxious and know not a moment's peace till I return. I know she's always in that condition when I'm away, though she does n't dare say so, unless I lead her on and tell her she may speak freely and I won't be angry with her. Oh! well-trained Mrs. Quilp!"

The creature appeared quite horrible with his monstrous head and little body, as he rubbed his hands slowly round, and round, and round again—with something fantastic even in his manner of performing this slight action—and, dropping his shaggy brows and sucking his chin in the air, glanced upward with a stealthy look of exultation that an imp might have copied and appropriated to himself.

"Here," he said, putting his head into his breast and sidling up to the old man as he spoke; "I brought it myself for fear of accidents, as being in gold, it was something large and heavy for Nell to carry in her bag. She used be accustomed to such loads betimes though, neighbor, for she will carry weight when you are dead."

"Heaven send she may! I hope so," said the old man with something like a groan.

"Hope so!" echoed the dwarf, approaching close to his ear; "neighbor, I would know in what good investment all these supplies are sunk. But you are a deep man, and keep your secret close."

"My secret!" said the other with a haggard look. "Yes, you're right—I—I—keep it close—very close."

He said no more, but taking the money turned away with a slow uncertain step, and pressed his hand upon his head like a weary and dejected man. The dwarf watched him sharply, while he passed into the little sitting-room and locked it in an iron safe above the chimney-piece; and after musing for a short space, prepared to take his leave, observing that unless he made good haste, Mrs. Quilp would certainly be in fits on his return.

"And so neighbor," he added, "I'll turn my face homeward, leaving my love for Nelly and hoping she may never lose her way again, though her doing so has procured me an honor I did n't expect." With that he bowed and leered at me, and with a keen glance around which seemed to comprehend every object within his range of vision, however small or trivial, went his way.

I had several times essayed to go myself, but the old man had always opposed it and entreated me to remain. As he renewed his entreaties on our being left alone, and adverted with many thanks to the former occasion of our being together, I willingly yielded to his persuasions, and sat down pretending to examine some curious miniatures and a few old medals which he placed before me. It needed no great pressing to induce me to stay, for if my curiosity had been excited on the occasion of my first visit, it certainly was not diminished now.

Nell joined me before long, and bringing some needle-work to the table, sat by the old man's side. It was pleasant to observe the fresh flowers in the room, the pet bird with a green bough shading his little cage, the breath of freshness and youth which seemed to rustle through the old dull house and hover round the child. It was impossible to be in her company, to turn from the beauty and grace of the girl, to the stooping figure, care-worn face, and jaded aspect of the old man. As he grew weaker and more feeble, what would become of this lonely little creature—poor protector as he was—say that he died—what would her fate be then?

The old man almost answered my thoughts, as he laid his hands on hers, and spoke aloud.

"I'll lie of better cheer, Nell," he said; "there must be good fortune in store for thee—I do not ask it for myself, but thee. Such miseries must fall on thy innocent head without it, that I cannot believe but that, being tempted, it will come at last!"

She looked cheerfully into his face, but made no answer.

"When I think," said he, "of the many years—many in the short life—that thou hast lived alone with me; of thy monotonous existence, knowing no companions of thy own age nor any childish pleasures; of the solitude in which thou hast grown to be what thou art, and in which thou hast lived apart from nearly all thy kind but one old man; I sometime fear I have dealt hardly by thee, Nell."

"Grandfather!" cried the child in unfeigned surprise.

"Not in intention—no no," said he. "I have ever looked forward to the time that should enable thee to mix among the gayest and prettiest, and take thy station with the best. But I still look forward, and if I should be forced to leave thee, meanwhile how have I fitted thee for struggles with the world?—The poor bird yonder is as well qualified to encounter it, and he turned adrift upon its mercies—Hark! I hear Kit outside. Go to him Nell, go to him."

She rose, and hurrying away, stopped, turned back, and put her arms about the old man's neck, then left him and hurried away again—but faster this time, to hide her falling tears.

"A word in your ear, Sir," said the old man in a hurried whisper. "I have been rendered uneasy by what you said the other night, and can only plead that I have done all for the best—that it is too late to retract, if I could (though I cannot)—and that I hope to triumph yet. All is for her sake. I have bore great poverty myself, and would spare her the sufferings that poverty carries with it. I would spare her the miseries that brought her mother, my own dear child, to an early grave. I would leave her—not with resources which could be easily spent or squandered away, but with what would place her beyond the reach of want for ever. You mark me Sir?—She shall have no pittance, but a fortune—Hush! I can say no more than that, now or at any other time, and she is here again!"

The eagerness with which all this was poured into my ear, the trembling of the hand with which he clasped my arm, the strained and starting eyes he fixed upon me, the wild vehemence and agitation of his manner, filled me with amazement.—All that I had heard and seen, and a great part of what he had said himself, led me to suppose that he was a weakly man. I could form no comprehension of his character, unless he were one of those miserable wretches who have made gain the sole end and object of their lives and having succeeded in amassing great riches, are constantly tortured by the dread of poverty, and beset by fears of loss and ruin. Many things he had said which I had been at a loss to understand, were quite reconcilable with the idea thus presented to me, and at length I concluded that beyond all doubt he was one of this unhappy race.

The opinion was not the result of hasty consideration, for which indeed there was no opportunity at that time, as the child came back directly, and soon occupied herself in preparations for giving Kit a welcoming home, of which it seemed he had a couple every week, and one regularly on that evening, to the great mirth and enjoyment both of himself and his instructress. To relate how it was a long time before this modesty could be so far prevailed upon as to admit of his sitting down in the parlor, in the presence of an unknown gentleman—how when he did sit down he tucked up his sleeves and squared his elbows and put his face close to the copy-right and squinted horribly at the lines—how from the very first moment of having the pen in his hand, he began to wallow in blots, and to daub himself with ink up to the very roots of his hair—how if he did by accident form a letter properly, he immediately smeared it out again with his preparations to make another—how at every fresh mistake, there was a fresh burst of merriment from the child and a louder and not less hearty laugh from poor Kit himself—and how there was all the way through, notwithstanding, a gentle wish on her part to teach, and an anxious desire on his to learn—to relate all these particulars would no doubt occupy more space and time than they deserve. It will be sufficient to say that the lesson was given—that evening passed and night came on—that the old man again grew restless and impatient—that he quitted the house secretly at the same hour as before—and that the child was once more left alone within its gloomy walls.

And now that I have carried this history so far in my own character and introduced these personages to the reader, I shall for the convenience of the narrative detach myself from its further course, and leave those who have prominent and necessary parts in it to speak and act for themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Quilp resided on Tower Hill; and in her bower on Tower Hill Mrs. Quilp was left to pine the absence of her lord, when he quitted her on business which he has been already seen to transact.

Mr. Quilp could scarcely be said to be of any particular trade or calling, though his pursuits were diversified and his occupations numerous. He collected the rents of whole colonies of filthy streets and alleys by the water-side, advanced money to the seamen and petty officers of merchant vessels, had a share in the venture of divers casks of East Indiamen, smoked his smuggled cigars under the very nose of the Custom House, and made appointments on Change with men in glazed hats and round jackets pretty well every day. On the Surrey side of the river was a small rat-infested dreary yard called "Quilp's Wharf," in which were a little wooden counting-house barrowing all awry in the dust as if it had fallen from the clouds and ploughed into the ground; a few fragments of rusty anchors; several large iron rings; some piles of rotten wood; and two or three heaps of old sheet copper, crumpled, cracked, and battered. On Quilp's Wharf, Daniel Quilp was a ship-broker, yet to judge from these appearances he must either have been a ship-breaker on a very small scale, or have broken his ships up very small indeed. Neither did the place present any extraordinary aspect of life or activity, as its only human occupant was an amphibious boy in a canvas suit, whose sole change of occupation was from sitting on the head of a pile and throwing stones into the mud when the tide was out, to standing with his hands in his pockets gazing listlessly on the motion and on the boat's of the river at high-water.

The dwarf's lodging on Tower Hill comprised, beside a handful of accommodation for himself and Mrs. Quilp, a small sleeping closet for that lady's mother, who resided with the couple and waged perpetual war with Daniel; of whom, notwithstanding, she stood in no slight dread. Indeed, the ugly creature contrived by some means or other—whether by his ugliness or his ferocity or his natural cunning is no great matter, to impress with a wholesome fear of his anger, most of those with whom he was brought into daily contact and communication. Over nobody had he such complete ascendancy as Mrs. Quilp herself—a pretty little, mild-spoken, blue-eyed woman, who having allied herself in wedlock to the dwarf in one of those strange infatuations of which examples are by no means scarce, performed a sound practical penance for her folly, every day of her life.

It has been said that Mrs. Quilp was pining in her bower. In her bower she was, but not alone, for besides the old lady her mother of whom mention has recently been made, there were present some half-dozen ladies of the neighborhood who had happened by a strange accident (and also by a little understanding among themselves) to drop in one after another, just about tea time This being a season favorable to conversation, and the room being a cool, shady, lazy kind of place, with some plants at the open window shutting out the dust, and interposing pleasantly enough between the tea table within and the old Tower without, it is no wonder that the ladies felt an inclination to talk and linger, especially when those are taken into account as additional inducements of fresh butter, new bread, shrimps, and water-cresses.

Now, the ladies being together under these circumstances, it was extremely natural that the discourse should turn upon the propensity of mankind to tyrannise over the weaker sex, and the duty that devolved upon the weaker sex to resist that tyranny and assert their rights and dignity. It was natural for four reasons; firstly because Mrs. Quilp being a young woman and notoriously under the dominion of her husband ought to be excited to rebel, secondly because Mrs. Quilp's parent was known to be laudably shrewish in her disposition and inclined to resist male authority, thirdly because each visiter wished to show for herself how superior she was in this respect to the generality of her sex, and fourthly because the company being accustomed to scandalise each other in pairs, were deprived of their usual subject of conversation now that they were all assembled in close friendship, and had consequently no better employment than to attack the common enemy.

Moved by those considerations a stout lady opened the proceedings by enquiring, with an air of great concern and sympathy, how Mr. Quilp was; whereunto Mr. Quilp's wife's mother replied sharply, "Oh! he is well enough—nothing much was ever the matter with him—and ill weeds were sure to thrive." All the ladies then sighed in concert, shook their heads gravely, and looked at Mrs. Quilp as at a martyr.

"Ah!" said the spokesman, "I wish you'd give her a little of your advice, Mrs. Jiniwin." Mrs. Quilp had been a Miss Jiniwin it should be observed—"no body knows better than you Ma'am what us women owe to ourselves."

"Owe indeed Ma'am!" replied Mrs. Jiniwin. "When my poor husband, her dear father was alive, if he had ever ventured a cross word to me, I'd have——" the good old lady did not finish the sentence, but she twisted off the head of a shrimp with a vindictiveness which seemed to imply that the action was in some degree a substitute for words. In this light it was clearly understood by the other party who immediately replied with great approbation. "You quite entertain my feelings Ma'am, and it's just what I'd do myself."

"But you have no call to do it," said Mrs. Jiniwin. "Luckily for you, you have no more occasion to do it than I had."

"No woman need have, if she was true to herself," rejoined the stout lady.

"Do you hear that Betsy?" said Mrs. Jiniwin, in a warning voice. "How often have I said the very same words to you, and almost gone down on my knees when I spoke 'em!"

Poor Mrs. Quilp, who had looked in a state of helplessness from one face of consolence to another, colored, smiled, and shook her head doubtfully. This was the signal for a general clamor, which beginning in a low murmur gradually swelled into a great noise in which every body spoke at once, and all said that she being a young woman had no right to set up her opinions against the experience of those who knew so much better; that it was very wrong of her not to take the advice of people who had nothing at heart but her good; that it was next door to being downright ungrateful to conduct herself in that manner; that if she had no respect for herself, she ought to have some for other women, all of whom she compromised by her meekness; and that if she had no respect for other women, the time would come when other women would have no respect for her, and she would be very sorry for that, they could tell her. Having dealt out these admonitions, the ladies fell to a more powerful assault than they had yet made upon the mixed tea, new bread, fresh butter, shrimps and water-cresses, and said their vexation was so great to see her going on like that, that they could hardly bring themselves to eat a single morsel.

"It's all very fine talk," said Mrs. Quilp, with much simplicity, "but I know that if I was to die to-morrow, Quilp could marry any body he pleased—now that he could, I know!"

There was quite a scream of indignation at this idea. Marry whom he pleased! They would like to see him dare to think of marrying any of them; they would like to see the faintest approach to such a thing. One lady (a widow) was quite certain she should stab him if he hinted at it.

"Very well," said Mrs. Quilp, nodding her head, "as I said just now, it's very easy to talk, but I again say that I know—that I'm sure—Quilp has such a way with him when he likes, that the best-looking woman here couldn't refuse him if I was dead, and she was free, and he chose to make love to her. Come."

Every one bridled up at this remark, as much as to say "I know you mean me. Let him try—that's all." And yet for some hidden reason they were all angry with the widow, and each lady whispered in her neighbor's ear that it was very plain the said widow thought herself the person referred to, and what a puss she was!

"Mother knows," said Mrs. Quilp, "that what I say is quite correct, for she often said so before we were married. Didn't you say so mother?"

The inquiry involved the respected lady in rather a delicate position, for she certainly had been an active in making her daughter Mrs. Quilp, and, besides, it was not supporting the family credit to encourage the idea that she had married a man whom nobody else would have. On the other hand, to exaggerate the captivating qualities of her son-in-law would be to weaken the cause of revolt, in which all her energies were deeply engaged. Beset by these opposing considerations, Mrs. Jiniwin admitted the powers of insinuation, but denied the right to govern, and with a timely compliment to the stout lady, brought back the discussion to the point from which it had strayed.

"Oh! it's a sensible and proper thing indeed, when Mrs. George has said it" exclaimed the old lady. "If women are only true to themselves! But Betsy isn't, and more's the shame and pity."

"Before I'd let a man order me about as Quilp orders her," Mrs. George; "before I'd consent to stand in awe of a man as she does of him, I'd—I'd kill myself, and write a letter first to say he did it."

This remark being loudly commended and approved of, another lady (from the Minories) put in her word:

"Mr. Quilp may be a very nice man," said this lady, "and I suppose there's no doubt he is, because Mrs. Quilp says he is, and Mrs. Jiniwin says he is, and they ought to know, or nobody does. But still he is not quite a—what one calls a handsome man, nor quite a young man neither, which might be a little excuse for him if any thing could be; whereas his wife is young, and is good-looking, and is a woman—which is the great thing after all."

This last clause being delivered with extraordinary pathos elicited a corresponding murmur from the hearers, stimulated by which the old lady went on to remark that if such a husband was cross and unreasonable with such a wife, then—

"If he is!" interposed the mother, putting down her teacup and brushing the crumbs out of her lap, preparatory to making a solemn declaration "If he is! He is the greatest tyrant that ever lived, she daren't call her soul her own, he makes her tremble with a word and even with a look, he frightens her to death, and she hasn't the spirit to give him a word back, no, not a single word."

Notwithstanding that the fact had been notorious before-hand to all the tea-drinkers, and had been discussed and expainted on at every tea-drinking in the neighborhood for the last twelve months, this official communication was no sooner made than they all began to talk at once and revie with each other in vehemence and volubility Mrs. George remarked that people would talk, that people had often said this to her before, that Mrs. Simmons then and there present had told her so twenty times, that she had always said, "No Henrietta Simmons, unless I see it with my own eyes and hear it with my own ears, I never will believe it." Mrs. Simmons corroborated this testimony and added strong evidence of her own. The lady from the Minories recounted a successful course of treatment under which she had placed her own husband, who, from manifesting one month after marriage unequivocal symptoms of the tiger, had by this means become subdued into a perfect lamb. Another lady recounted her own personal struggle and final triumph, in the course whereof she had found it necessary to call in her mother and two aunts, and to weep incessantly night and day for six weeks. A third, who in the general confusion could secure no other listener, fastened herself upon a young woman still unmarried who happened to be among them, and conjured her as she valued her own peace of mind and happiness to profit by this solemn occasion, to take example from the weakness of Mrs. Quilp, and from that time forth to direct her whole thoughts to taming and subduing the rebellious spirit of man. The noise was at its height, and half the company had elevated their voices into a perfect shriek in order to drown the voices of the other half, when Mrs. Jiniwin was seen to change color and shake her forefinger stealthily, as if exhorting them to silence. Then, and not until then, Daniel Quilp himself, the cause and occasion of all this clamor, was observed to be in the room, looking on and listening with profound attention.

"Go on, ladies, go on," said Daniel. "Mrs. Quilp, pray ask the ladies to stop to supper, and have a couple of lobsters and something light and palatable."

"I—I—didn't ask them to tea, Quilp," stammered his wife. "It's quite an accident."

"So much the better, Mrs. Quilp; these accidental parties are always the pleasantest," said the dwarf, rubbing his hands so hard that he seemed to be engaged in manufacturing, of the dirt with which they were encrusted, little charges for pepgums. "What! Not going ladies, you are not going, surely?"

His fair enemies tossed their heads slightly as they sought their respective bonnets and shawls, but left all verbal contention to Mrs. Jiniwin, who, finding herself in the position of champion, made a faint struggle to sustain the character.

"And why not stop to supper, Quilp," said the old lady, "if my daughter had a mind?"

"To be sure," rejoined Daniel—"why not?"

"There's nothing dishonest or wrong in a supper, I hope," said Mrs. Jiniwin.

"Surely not," returned the dwarf. "Why should there be? Nor any thing unwholesome either, unless there's lobster salad or prawns, which I'm told are good for digestion."

"And you wouldn't like your wife to be attacked with that, or any thing else that would make her uneasy, would you?" said Mrs. Jiniwin.

"Not for a score of worlds," replied the dwarf, with a grin. "Not even to have a score of mothers-in-law at the same time—and what a blessing that would be!"

"My daughter's your wife, Mr. Quilp, certainly," said the old lady, with a giggle, meant for satirical, and to imply that he needed to be reminded of the fact; "your wedded wife."

"So she is, certainly, so she is," observed the dwarf.

"And she has a right to do as she likes, I hope, Quilp," said the old lady, trembling, partly with anger, and partly with a secret fear of her impish son-in-law.

"Hope she has," he replied. "Oh, don't you know she has? Don't you know she has, Mrs. Jiniwin?"

"I know she ought to have, Quilp, and would have, if she was my way of thinking."

"Why an't you of your mother's way of thinking, my dear?" said the dwarf, turning round and addressing his wife, "why don't you always imitate your mother, my dear? She's the ornament of your sex—your father said so every day of his life, I am sure he did."

"Her father was a blessed creature, Quilp, and worth twenty thousand of some people," said Mrs. Jiniwin; "twenty hundred million thousand."

"I should like to have known him," remarked the dwarf. "I dare say he was a blessed creature then; but I'm sure he is now. It was a happy release. I believe he had suffered a long time?"

The old lady gave a gasp, but nothing came of it; Quilp resumed, with the same malice in his eye, and the same sarcastic smile on his tongue.

"You look ill, Mrs. Jiniwin; I know you have not been exciting yourself too much—talking per haps, for it is your weakness. Go to bed. Do go to bed."

"I shall go when I please, Quilp, and not before."

"But please to go now. Do please to go now," said the dwarf.

The old woman looked angrily at him, but retreated as he advanced, and falling back before him, suffered him to shut the door upon her and bolt her out among the guests, who were by this time crowding down stairs. Being left alone with his wife, who sat trembling in a corner, with her eyes fixed upon the ground, the little man planted himself before her, and folding his arms, looked steadily at her for some time without speaking.

"Mrs. Quilp," he said, at last.

"Yes, Quilp," she replied, meekly.

"If ever you listen to these beldames again, I'll bite you."

With this laconic threat, which he accompanied with a snarl that gave him the appearance of being particularly in earnest, Mr. Quilp bade her clear the tea-board away, and bring the rum. The spirit being set before him in a huge case-bottle, which had originally come out of some ship's locker, he ordered cold water and the box of cigars; and these being supplied, he settled himself in an arm-chair, with his large head and face squeezed up against the back, and his legs planted on the table.

"Now, Mrs. Quilp," he said, "I feel in a smoking humor, and shall probably blaze away all night; but sit where you are, if you please, in case I want you."

His wife returned no other reply than the customary "Yes, Quilp," and the small lord of the creation took his first cigar, and mixed his first glass of grog. The sun went down and the stars peeped out, the Tower turned from its own proper color from gray and from gray to black, the room became perfectly dark and the end of the cigar a deep fiery red; but still Mr. Quilp went on smoking and drinking in the same position, and staring listlessly out of the window, with the dog-like smile always on his face, save when Mrs. Quilp made some involuntary movement of restlessness or fatigue, and then it expanded into a grin of delight.

Mr. Weller's Watch.

It seems that the house-keeper and the two Mr. Wellers were no sooner left together on the occasion of their first becoming acquainted, than the house-keeper called to her assistance Mr. Slithers, the barber, who had been lurking in the kitchen in expectation of her summons; and with many smiles and much sweetness introduced him as one who would assist her in the responsible office of entertaining her distinguished visitors.

"Indeed," said she, "without Mr. Slithers, I should have been placed in quite an awkward situation."

"There is no call for any hock'ardness, mum," said Mr. Weller, with the utmost politeness; "no call wotsomever. A lady," added the old gentleman, looking aleapt him with the air of one who establishes an incontrovertible position, "a lady can't be hock'ard. Nature has otherwise purwided."

The house-keeper inclined her hand and smiled yet more sweetly. The barber, who had been fluttering about Mr. Weller and Sam in a state of great anxiety to improve their acquaintance, rubbed his hands and cried "Hear! hear! Very true sir," whereupon Sam turned about and steadily regarded him for some seconds in silence.

"I never knew," said Sam, fixing his eyes in a ruminative manner upon the blushing barber, "I never knew but vun o' your trade, but he was worth a dozen and von indeed dowsted to his callin'!"

"Was he in the easy shaving way, sir," inquired Mr. Slithers? "or in the cutting and curling line?"

"Both," replied Sam; "easy shavin' was his nature, and cuttin' and curlin' was his pride and glory. His whole delight was in his trade. He spent all his money in bears and run in debt for 'em besides, and there they was a growling away down in the front cellar all day long, and ineffectually guarding their teeth, vile the groans o' their relations and friends was being retailed in gallipots in the above shop, and the first floor winder was ornamented vith their heads; not to speak of the dreadful aggravation it must have been to 'em to see a man walkin up and down the pavement on the outside, with the portrait of a bear in his last agonies, and underneath in large letters, 'Another fine animal was slaughtered yesterday at Jinkinson's!' How's'ever, there they was, and there Jinkinson was, till he was took werry ill with some inn'ard disorder, lost the use of his legs, and was confined to his bed vere he laid a werry long time, but sich was his pride in his profession even then, that whenever he got worse than usual the doctor used to go down stairs and say 'Jinkinson's every bit this mornin'; we must give the bears a stir;' and as sure as ever they stirred 'em up a bit and made 'em roar, Jinkinson opens his eyes as if he was over so, and calls out 'There's the bears!' and revives agin."

"Astonishing!" cried the barber.

"Not a bit," said Sam, "human natur' neat as imported. Vun day the doctor happenin' to say 'I shall look in as usual to-morrow mornin',' Jinkinson catches hold of his hand and says 'Doctor,' he says, 'will you grant me one favur?' 'I will Jinkinson,' says the doctor. 'Then doctor,' says Jinkinson, 'till you come unshaved, and let me shave you?' 'I will,' says the doctor. 'God bless you,' says Jinkinson. Next day the doctor came, and arter he 'd been shaved all skilful and reg'lar, he says 'Jinkinson,' he says, 'it's werry plain this does you good. Now,' he says 'I've got a coachman as has got a beard that it 'ud warm your heart to work on, and though this footman' he says, 'has n't got much of a beard, still he 's a trying it on with a pair o' rizzers to that extent that razors is Christian charity. If they take it in turns to mind the carriage ven it 's a waitin' below,' he says, 'wot 's to hinder you from operatin' on both of 'em ev'ry day as well as upon me? you've got six children,' he says, 'wot's to hinder you from shavin' all their heads and keepin' 'em shaved? You've got two assistants in the shop down stairs, wot's to hinder you from cuttin' and curlin' them as often as you like? Do this,' he says, 'and you 're a man agin!' Jinkinson squeezed the doctor's hand and begun that very day; he kept his tools upon his bed, and wenever he felt his self gettin' worse, he turned to at vun o' the children who was a runnin' about the house vith heads like clean Dutch cheeses, and shaved him again. Vun day the lawyer came to make his vill; all the time he was a takin' it down, Jinkinson was secretly a clippin' away at his hair with a large pair of scissors. 'Wot's that 'ere snippin' noise?' says the lawyer every now and then, 'it's like a man havin' his hair cut.' 'It is very like a man havin' his hair cut,' says poor Jinkinson, bidin' the scissors and lookin' quite innocent. By the time the lawyer found it out, he was very nearly bald. Jinkinson was kept alive in this way for a long time, but at last vun day he has in all the children vun arter another, shaves each on 'em very clean, and gives him vun kiss on the crown of his head; then he has in the two assistants, and arter cuttin' and curlin' of 'em in the first style of elegance, says he should like to hear the voice o' the greatest bear, vich relvved is immediately complied with; then he says that he feels very happy in his mind, and vishes to be left alone; and then he dies, previously cuttin' his own hair and makin' one flat curl in the middle of his forehead."

This anecdote produced an extraordinary effect, not only upon Mr. Slithers but upon the housekeeper also, who evinced so much anxiety to please and to be pleased, that Mr. Weller, with a manner betokening some alarm, conveyed a whispered inquiry to his son whether he had gone "too fur."

"Wot do you mean by too fur?" demanded Sam.

"In that 'ere little complisment respectin' the want of hock'urdness in ladies, Sammy," replied his father.

"You do n't thing she's fallen in love with you in consekens o' that, do you:" said Sam.

"More unlikelier things have come to pass my boy," replied Mr. Weller in a hoarse whisper; "I'm always afeerd of inadwertent captivation, Sammy. If I know'd how to make myself ugley or unpleasant I'd do it, Samivel, rayther than live in this here state of perpetival terror!"

Mr. Weller had at that time, no further opportunity of dwelling upon the apprehensions which beset his mind, for the immediate occasion of his fears proceeded to lead the way down stairs, apologising as they went for conducting him into the kitchen, which apartment, however, she was induced to proffer for his accommodation in preference to her own little room, the rather as it afforded greater facilities for smoking, and was immediately adjoining the ale cellar. The preparations which were already made, sufficiently proved that these were not mere words of course, for on the deal table were a sturdy ale jug and glasses, flanked with clean pipes and a plentiful supply of tobacco for the old gentleman and his son, while on a dresser hard by was a goodly store of cold meat and other eatables. At sight of these arrangements Mr. Weller was at first distracted between his love of joviality and his doubts whether they were not to be considered as so many evidences of captivation having already taken place; but he soon yielded to his natural impulses, and took his seat at the table with a very jolly countenance.

"As to imbibin' any o' this here flagrant weed, mum, in the presence of a lady," said Mr. Weller, taking up a pipe and laying it down again, "it could n't be. Samivel, total abstinence, if you please."

"But I like it of all things," said the housekeeper.

"No," rejoined Mr. Weller, shaking his head.

"No."

"Upon my word I do," said the housekeeper.

"Mr. Slithers knows I do."

Mr. Weller coughed, and notwithstanding the barber's confirmation of the statement, said no again, but more feebly than before. The housekeeper lighted a piece of paper and insisted on applying it to the bowl of the pipe with her own fair hands; Mr. Weller resisted; the housekeeper cried that her fingers would be burnt; Mr. Weller gave way. The pipe was ignited, Mr. Weller drew a long puff of smoke, and detecting himself in the very act of smiling on the housekeeper, put a sudden constraint upon his countenance and looked sternly at the candle, with a determination not to captivate, himself or encourage thoughts of captivation in others. From this iron frame of mind he was roused by the voice of his son.

"I do n't think," said Sam, who was smoking with great composure and enjoyment, "that if the lady was agreeable, it 'ud be werry far out o' the way for us four to make up a club of our own like the governors does up stairs, and let him," Sam pointed with the stem of his pipe toward his parent, "be the president."

The housekeeper affably declared that it was the very thing she had been thinking of. The barber said the same. Mr. Weller said nothing, but he laid down his pipe as if in a fit of inspiration, and performed the following manœuvres.

Unbuttoning the three lower buttons of his waistcoat, and pausing for a moment to enjoy the easy flow of breath consequent upon this process, he laid violent hands upon his watchchain and slowly and with extreme difficulty drew from its fob an immense double-cased silver watch, which brought the lining of the pocket with it and was not to be disentangled but by great exertions and an amazing redness of face. Having thirdly got it out at last, he detached the outer case, and wound it up with a key of corresponding magnitude, then put the case on again, and having applied the watch to his ear to ascertain that it was still going, gave it some half-dozen hard knocks on the table to improve its performance.

"That," said Mr. Weller, laying it on the table with its face upward, "is the title and emblem o' this here society. Sammy, reach them two steps this way for the nearest cheers.—Ladies and gen'lmen, Mr. Weller's watch is wound up and now a goin'. Order!"

By way of enforcing this proclamation, Mr. Weller, using the watch after the manner of a president's hammer, and remarking with great pride that nothing hurt it, and that falls and concussions of all kinds materially enhanced the excellence of the works and assisted the regulator, knocked the table a great many times and declared the association formally constituted.

"And do n't let's have no grinnin' at the cheer, Samivel," said Mr. Weller to his son, "or I shall be committin' you to the seller, and then p'raps we may get into wot the 'Morrikins call a fix, and the English a question of privileges."

Having uttered this friendly caution, the president settled himself in his chair with great dignity, and requested that Mr. Samuel would relate an anecdote.

"I've told one," said Sam.

"Werry good, sir; tell another," returned the chair.

"We was a talking just now, sir," said Sam turning to Slithers, "about barbers. Pursuing that 'ere fruitful theme, sir, I'll tell you in a very few words a romantic little story about another barber, as p'raps you may never have heard."

"Samivel!" said Mr. Weller, again bringing his watch and the table into smart collision, "address your observations to the cheer, sir, and not to private individuals!"

"And if I might rise to order," said the barber in a soft voice, and looking round him with a conciliatory smile as he leant over the table with the knuckles of his left hand resting upon it, "if I might rise to order, I would suggest that "barbers" is not exactly the kind of language which is agreeable and soothing to our feelings. You, sir, will correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe there is such a word in the dict

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Financial Record.

THE CONCORD BANK.—A committee of the stockholders have made a thorough investigation of the affairs of this bank, and report that after paying all the liabilities of the bank, from fifty to sixty-five thousand dollars, available property will remain for the stockholders. They recommend to make an assessment of $35 on each share of the stock. This assessment with the debts of the bank, will enable the directors to redeem all the bills of the bank.

THE NEW BANK IN HAVANA.—On the 30th ult. the stockholders of the Savings Bank in Havana met at the house of His Excellency the Governor General, to choose directors and officers of the institution. The Count de Cañongo was elected President, and Don Antonio Bachiller Cuebler. The capital already paid in is more than $100,000. Three months time is allowed for other subscribers to come in.

MISSISSIPPI BANKS.—Governor McNutt has proclaimed that the following named banks have forfeited all their banking powers, viz—Fernando Railroad and Banking Co., Benton and Manchester Railroad and Banking Co., Mississippi Railroad Company

Political Intelligence.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT, *by and with the advice and consent of the Senate*.—A. B. Morton, Register of the Land Office at Milwaukie, Wisconsin, from the 5th of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Land Officers.—Receivers of Public Moneys.

Simon W. Norris, at Indianapolis, Indiana, from the 1st of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Charles C. Hascall, at Genesee, Michigan, from the 5th of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Matthew Lieper, at Fayetteville, Arkansas, from the 10th of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Samuel E. Benson, at Montgomery, Alabama, from the 14th of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Rufus Parks, at Milwaukie, Wisconsin, from the 5th of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

Daniel T. Witter, Washington, Arkansas, from the 10th of July, 1840, when his present commission will expire.

John B. Hogan, Collector of the Customs at Mobile, Alabama, reappointed from 1st of July, 1840.

William B. Snell, Surveyor and Inspector of the Revenue for the ports of Warren and Barrington, R. I. vice William Turner, whose commission expired on 1st June, 1840.

Frederick Kappel, to be Consul of the United States at Pesth, in Hungary.

☞ The election for Congress and State officers will take place in Louisiana on the 6th of July. The Democrats have chosen for Congress, Gilbert Leonard for the First District, Gen. J. B. Dawson for the Second District, and Richard Winn for the Third District.

General News.

A FORMER PARDONED.—Charles Mitchell, the forger, has been pardoned by the President of the United States. Mr. Mitchell is old and infirm, and will be made by the operation! Is Mitchell to be made a "stool pigeon" of? We suspect we shall soon hear something grand in the "quiet" line, as counterfeiting and forging is called in the flash vocabulary.

WE DON'T BELIEVE IT.—The Journal of Commerce reports another passenger on board the Lexington, saved—Mr. A. H. Fowler, of New York, organ builder. Mrs. F. is said to have received a letter from him, at Mobile, whither he was taken by a vessel which picked him up at sea, after he had been three days floating on a cotton bale.

CONSPIRACY OF SLAVES.—In Westmoreland county, Va., there has recently been an examination of slaves, under suspicion of a conspiracy. The evidence was strong. A street patrol has been rendered necessary, and a restriction of many of the privileges hitherto granted to the blacks.

COST OF OFFICIAL INSOLENCE.—Old Haya" was prosecuted in New York, and on Friday had to pay $125 and costs, for pushing a lawyer violently out of the court room, at the city of "order" from the judge. The lawyer was in the crowd and Hays did not know him.

BEATING WOMEN.—A field driver named Voss was tried in Boston on Thursday, for beating two women in the pursuit of his official business. The man who will beat a woman is a coward in heart, soul and principles, and is a disgrace to the mother that bore him.

FIRE IN BOSTON.—On Thursday evening about half past nine o'clock, a fire broke out in the upper story of a building in Congress street, Boston. The damage was trifling.

A MEMORIAL GONE.—A house in the vicinity of Plattsburg, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 12th inst. This house was the "Head Quarters" of Gen. Prevost during the siege of Plattsburg in 1814.

HOOKED BY AN OX.—On the 12th inst. Mr. Summer Williams, of Chester, Mass. was hooked by one of his oxen while driving them, and died. He was forty-one years of age.

DEMANDED.—McCoy, the notorious jail breaker, was taken from Moyamensing prison on Saturday to Wilmington, by officer Strine,—having been demanded by the Governor of Delaware.

IMMIGRANTS.—About 150 Welsh imigrants arrived yesterday afternoon from New York. They were brought from Bordentown in the steamboat New Philadelphia.

CONVICT CAUGHT.—A convict named George Stevens, alias John Williams, who escaped from the New York Penitentiary lately, has been caught and sent back.

VICE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—A blacksmith at Buffalo, New York, tried to drown himself on Friday in the canal, but couldn't. A vice, weighing 30 pounds, was tied to his neck.

POISONED.—On the 18th inst. on board the steamer New York, while ascending the Ohio, above Cincinnati, upwards of 60 persons were poisoned by eating corn bread.

REWARD.—GOV. Seward has offered a reward of $6250 for the apprehension of Lott, the villain who attempted to blow up the steamboat Great Britain at Oswego.

DROWNED.—William Colgrave, collector for the town of Stuyvesant, Columbia county, was accidentally drowned at Schodac Landing on the 23d inst.

INSOLVENT COURT.—Wednesday, 161 petitioners were discharged in Philada. There are now remaining, 112 cases, which are opposed.

FATAL FALL.—A carpenter fell from a step ladder at the Astor House, New York on Tuesday and hurt his head. He died yesterday.

LOW SPIRITS.—A Mr. Charles Cutler took laudanum and killed himself in New York on Tuesday, while in low spirits for want of money.

☞ The board of visitors at West Point state, that three hundred officers of the army have resigned since the commencement of the Florida war.

RUN OVER.—On Monday evening the engines in New York, ran over a negro in Broadway, and injured him severely.

THE GREAT WESTERN.—This steam vessel sailed on Wednesday. She was crowded with passengers Many was wished to go were disappointed.

☞ James Ward was arrested in New York on Saturday, for passing altered Chemical Bank bills.

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT.—On the 19th inst., a vessel called the Celeste, bound from New Haven to New York, was upset in a squall off Milford. "The captain's wife and one or two ladies were on board, and all succeeded in swimming themselves on the side of the vessel, until a schooner or sloop from down East came within hailing distance, the captain of which for a long time refused to render any assistance to the sufferers—said he could not be detained—that he had rendered similar favors before, but never got any pay for it, &c., and passed on. His passengers finally influenced him to put about and go to the assistance of the distressed. They were taken to New Haven harbor and landed, but not till the expenses demanded by the unfeeling wretch who so reluctantly assisted had been paid. We hope the name of this wretch will be duly published, that he may be handed down to posterity as a disgrace to the human species.

DOUBTSOME EVENT.—The United States Gazette of Monday says—"A letter now before us from Harrisburg, mentions the reception at that place of the painful intelligence that the Hon. Samuel McKean, late United States Senator for Pennsylvania, attempted suicide in a fit of insanity on Tuesday last, at his residence in McKean county, by cutting his throat with a razor. Although Gen. McKean was alive when the letter, giving the information was written, yet, it is added, there was not the slightest prospect of his surviving many hours."

DOUBTFUL.—Throwing cold water over the head of an animal, completely neutralizes, it is said, prussic acid. A gentleman lately in England, gave a dog some acid to kill him. The animal almost immediately became paralyzed, but appearing likely to linger for a short time, the owner, to put it out of misery threw it into a pond; the dog, however, having felt the effect of the water, immediately swam out, shook itself, and appeared as if nothing whatever had occurred.

TO PUT OUT A FIRE.—A Mr. Dendy, in New York has an apparatus in his house for the instant extinguishment of fires within a building. The Star says—"It is surprising to see the body of water it throws, sufficient to inundate any loft in which a fire may rage. His whole plan is simple, cheap and effective—it extinguishes fires inside houses and stores, whereas by engines we have only the outside fires subdued.

FIRES IN NEW YORK.—On Thursday afternoon, a fire broke out in New York, in the store of George Bell & Co. 107 South street. It was set on fire by sparks from the East river steamboats. It consumed over 600 bales of cotton. There was another fire in Water street near Catharine, at the same time, which was soon extinguished.

HE COULDN'T STOP IT.—A fine large dog, belonging to Mr. Lee, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, was killed on the railroad on Wednesday last. He undertook to oppose the passage of the engine over his master's premises, but the locomotive was not to be trifled with in that way. Poor fellow! it made a "jiggered brewers" of him, as Skinny Jemmy would say.

TEMPERANCE IN IRELAND.—Mr. O'Connell, in a late speech at Dublin, alluding to the wonderful progress of the temperance cause in Ireland said :—"Two years ago, who would have thought that at the present time there would have been three millions of our countrymen pledged to avoid intoxicating liquors —keeping that pledge, and not contaminating their lips with a single drop of any spirituous liquor! If any one were to tell me two years ago that this state of things would come about, my first impulse would have been, perhaps, to laugh at the suggestion, but I would have ended with a sigh at its impracticability: but now, sir, I can rejoice at the morality, the firmness, and the good sense which enable the people to make what was deemed so improbable, a reality. I would then have said that it was an idle dream which never could be realized. But it is realized (great cheering.)

CONSULAR FELICITY.—The Boston Post gives an amusing sketch of the rum-rage of an Amazonian Consular woman, as exhibited on Wednesday last in one of the streets of that metropolis. Her husband had tipped her can of rum into the neighboring dock, for which piece of cruelty she challenged him to a fair fight, and when he showed symptoms of backing out, she followed him with the real article, put a blue fringe round his left eye with her right dipper, and drew claret from his nose with her left. Finally he got away from her, by shying into one dore and out at another of an unoccupied shanty. Poor fellow!

THE AMERICAN DAGUERREOTYPE.—The Americans are not to be outdone even in science. We perceive that the Daguerreotype has already a rival in this country. The likenesses is taken by a new invention, and not by a glass camera and reflected light. The following is the process: a metallic reflector reflects the light of the sun, received from the face of the person sitting for a likeness, back, and a silver plate, placed in the focus of the reflector, receives the impression, when a chemical action takes place, and a perfect image is the consequence. Of course, the miniature is inmutably correct, and is finished in from two to five minutes.

IMPORTANT FACT.—As thousands are annually drowned for want of a knowledge of the means of supporting themselves in the water, we copy from a contemporary the following :—There is no difficulty in floating or swimming, provided persons keep their bodies in a horizontal position, which is done with the greatest ease, by endeavoring to force the chin down upon the surface of the water, instead of forcing the head as high out of the water as possible, which brings the body perpendicular instead of horizontal as required.

HE WAS INSANE.—The perpetrator of the late outrage on a married woman in New York, which we noted some time ago, turns out to be insane. He has been committed to the Lunatic Asylum. He is the heed of a family too, and it is of course difficult to conceive the amount of distress the whole affair has occasioned among the relatives of the two parties.

FLOUR.—It is a mistake to suppose that U. States flour is admitted into Great Britain via Canada, as before that is shipped directly from here; but flour manufactured in Canada from wheat grown in the U. States and shipped thence to England, is admitted on the same terms as if the wheat were grown in Canada.

BEAUTIFUL STATE OF SOCIETY.—In Mexico, the persons imprisoned are always starved to death, and hence the military will not turn out to assist in the capture of the victims. A battalion lately refused to march against some brigands, knowing that starvation would be the fate of those that might be taken.

WELL DISCIPLINED.—As a soldier in Shrewsbury, England, was carrying the dinner belonging to his mess, from the baker's, one of his companions, coming behind him, called out "*Attention*!" when he dropped his hands, and at the same time the dinners of his unfortunate comrades!

DEAD BODIES.—The steamer Cleo, when she passed Cairo, says the St. Louis Bulletin of the 15th, found some eight or nine dead bodies floating in the Ohio From the appearance of the bodies it is supposed they were flat-boatmen, who had met their death by some violent means.

PAPER MILL BURNED.—The paper mill of Messrs Bennett & Walton, in Mount Holly, N. J., was greatly injured by fire on Thursday evening. Messrs. B. & W. had an insurance of about $6000, but their loss must have been considerably greater.

TEXAS AND UNITED STATES MAIL.—All letters and papers for Texas, or coming from Texas to the United States, must be post paid to the boundary line of each country in which they are mailed, or they will not be forwarded. Rules most excellent this.

COUNTERFEITER TAKEN.—On the 18th inst Mr. J. L. Bonin, a principal clerk in the Auditor of State's office, at Cincinnati, was arrested at the theatre of that city, on the charge of having passed counterfeit money.

ASIATIC CHOLERA.—Mr. Abraham Cramer, late sheriff of Middlesex county, N. J. died on Monday night at his residence in that vicinity, of cholera. He was taken at church the day previous, and the physicians pronounced it a case of Asiatic cholera.

A CONSIDERABLE FALL.—A scaffold with two planterons on it, lately fell forty feet to the ground, in Redford, Pa., and yet one of the men escaped unhurt. The other, named J. Stewart, dislocated his wrist and ankle.

SHOT BY ACCIDENT.—On the 21st, a man accidentally shot himself in Hancock county, Indiana. N. H. He was stooping over a small run of water when the gun in his hand exploded, and sent the charge through his body near the region of the heart.

RECOVERING.—The young man, named Hodge, who was lately shot at in jest, and severely wounded on board of a vessel at Charlestown, Mass., is recovering. His eyes, however, are completely destroyed; he must forever remain blind.

BOY DROWNED.—On the 12th inst. as two small boys were fishing at Chicago, one of them, about eight years of age, fell in the river, and after crying out two or three times, was drowned.

HOUSE AND CHILD BURNED.—A few days ago the house of a Mr. Stephenson, in Franklin, Tenn. was burned down, and his son, 11 years of age, perished in the flames.

A GREAT STORE.—A very destructive storm occurred on the 16th inst. in the vicinity of Churchville, Harford county, Md. It was composed of wind, hail, and rain, and damaged the crops to a great extent.

THAT'S STRANGE.—The population of the town of Taunton Mass. according to the census just completed, is 7344, being a decrease of 123 since the census of 1837.

HENRY HESSELE.—A market woman named Mrs. Ewell, living in Gloucester County, N. J. hung herself on Tuesday. She was insane, on account of the decease of her husband.

HUNG HIMSELF.—A man named McGowan, a porter, hung himself to a tree in Cedar Grove, near Peck slip Ferry, Williamsburg, L. I., on Friday last. His body was discovered by a boy.

TEXAS PRICES.—Texas Treasury Notes were selling at Houston on the 2d inst., at from 14 to 16 cents on the dollar. At that rate, flour is cheap at $50 per barrel.

NEW NOVEL.—Bentley, in London, has already published Professor Ingraham's new novel, "The Quadroon." The Harpers, of New York, will soon publish it.

FROM FRANCE.—The packet ship La Duchesse d'Orleans, Capt. Richardson, arrived at New York on Thursday night, from Havre. Nothing new by her.

NAVAL.—The United States sloop of war Preble, Commander Breese, for St. Johns, N. F. sailed from Halifax 19th inst.

SUICIDE.—A man named Fortling, committed suicide in Baltimore on Thursday, by swallowing half a gill of laudanum.

ANOTHER MURDER.—A man named Jas. Golden, an Irishman, was killed in Madison county, Ky. on Saturday last, by another Irishman, named McCourt.

NAPOLEON'S HAT.—Dr. Delacroix, of a private audience of the King Louis Phillippe, presented to His Majesty the hat which Napoleon wore at Eylau.

VERY GOOD LAW.—An ordinance has been published at Houston, Texas, prohibiting the wear of deadly weapons under a penalty of fifty dollars.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOT?—We don't know any thing more illustrative of the innumerable quantity of "Smiths" with which every nation seems to be provided than the following fact. At the English Opera House last season, a gentleman made a bet, that although it was crowded with people, he could obtain a front seat in the pit. After obtaining a ticket at the door with some difficulty, for the doorkeeper refused at first to sell one, when he knew it was impossible to secure a place, the gentleman who had laid the wager went in and stationing himself at the pit entrance, exclaimed with a loud voice, full of alarm and agitation —Mr. Smith's house is on fire!—Mr. Smith's house is on fire!" About twenty persons instantly jumped up and rushed out of the building, and our hero getting himself comfortably into the front row, quietly observed that he had won his bet, and there wasn't the least occasion for further disturbance.

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AN ACCIDENT.—A Mr. Lewis, in attempting to jump out of a dearborn that was being run away with in N York, on Tuesday, was unfortunately thrown headlong upon the pavement, producing a most horrid compound fracture of the right leg and dislocation of the ankle. By Foster had the sufferer conveyed to his own house. Amputation was performed, and we learn that Mr Lewis is getting better.

BREACH IN THE OHIO CANAL.—A breach occurred on the 8th inst. in the Ohio Canal, a few miles south of Roscoe, which will obstruct the navigation for some days. About two hundred yards of embankment were swept away, and a passage made in the middle of the channel ten or twelve feet below the bottom of the Canal.

ANOTHER TORNADO.—Little Rock Ark., has been visited by a tornado. The wind blew in one continued blast for half an hour, whilst a dazzling light burst forth from every quarter of the Heavens, attended by long and heavy claps of thunder. A number of houses were blown down, but we find no account of any loss of life.

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HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.—A Mr. William R. Long, ticket master at the Lowell Depot, returning on Monday evening from Newburyport with the train of cars, had his head so horribly crushed by being caught under the bridge, eight miles from Lowell, as to cause immediate death.

RAILROAD TO ALBANY.—The New Yorkers are bestirring themselves about a railroad to Albany. If they are not pretty active, their neighbors will get their western trade to a certainty—that is all that we do not attract ourselves.

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Subscribers living in the vicinity of a Post Master can call upon him and have their letters containing money *examined*, if the letter contains nothing but what relates to the business of the office. Many hundred dollars might be saved us, if attention was generally paid to this matter.

Receipts for the Saturday Evening Post from the 16th June to the 1st July.

June 18, received from

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J. W. Watson, Esq. 2 00
S. Spicer, Esq. 2 00
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H. Martin, 2 00
D. Conklin, Esq. 10 00
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J. Beaumont, Esq. 2 00
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J. P. Donnell, 2 00
Isaac Hollingsworth, 2 00
M. Bunn, 1 00
Wm. Dunbar, 2 00
R. Goodell, 2 00
S. Gover 6 00
Wm. Shaw 4 00
W. Gratton, 2 00
Wm. Reynolds, Esq. 13 00
W. Wall, 2 00
J. Bond, 2 00
Jno. Brierley, 2 00
J. M. Scott, 2 00

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J. Jenkins, Esq. 10 00
P. Penix, 2 00
W. Morton, 2 00
L. P. Reid 2 00
R. P. Barton, 2 00
T. Haddock, 2 00
L. Lodyte, Esq. 2 00
Jas. Boiens, Esq. 2 00
Moses Bailey, Esq. 1 00

June 24.

D. Wright, Esq. 11 00
J. Brannigan, 2 00
J. Spencer, Esq. 2 00
P. M. Smith, Esq. 2 00
J. Bordack, Esq. 2 00
D. Buckley, Esq. 2 00
J. Ryan, 2 00
R. Payne, Esq. 2 00
J. Weir, Esq. 10 00
G. L. Davis, Esq. 2 00
J. Barbour, Esq. 2 00
H. Stewart, Esq. 2 00
W. Richard, Esq. 2 00

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R. Wright, Esq. 5 00
G. Williams, Esq. 2 00
A. B. Brown, Esq. 2 00
T. T. Taylor, Esq. 2 00
C. Marino, Esq. 2 00
J. Foster, Esq. 2 00
J. Clough, Esq. 2 00
W. Burke, Esq. 2 00
Jno. Barry, 2 00
D. E. Martin, 2 00

June 27.

R. Kent, Esq. 2 00
J. Brouner, Esq. 2 00
J. Mitchell, Esq. 2 00
R. Machall, Esq. 2 00
J. Elliott, Esq. 2 00
G. Monte, Esq. 2 00
J. Hamilton, Esq. 2 00
J. Bowen, Esq. 2 00
H. C. Douglass, 2 00
W. Jones, 2 00
J. John 2 00
M. Coon, 2 00
S. M. Berney, 2 00
R. Brown, 2 00
R. E. Cattle, 2 00

June 29.

Jno. Bowen, 2 50
Jno. Barry, 2 00
J. P. Justice, 2 00
C. Bell, 2 00
C. E. Austin, 2 00
Wm. Day, 2 00
W. R. Cook, 2 00
S. Patterson, 2 00
J. Bell, Esq. 2 00
P. Benson, 2 00
L. Rathbun 2 00
J. Wilkinson, Esq. 2 00
L. Lamprone, Esq. 2 00
Wm. Hall, Esq. 2 00
A. Hager, Esq. 2 00
P. Rainey, Esq. 2 00
J. Mc Cullough, 2 00
J. Herbert, Esq. 2 00

July 1.

S. Pond. 1 00
J. M. Durnall, 2 00
Joseph Peter, 2 00
Philo Hillger, Esq. 10 00
B. Hill, 2 00

Review of the Philadelphia Market for the week.

The transactions have been on a limited scale since our weekly report. Prices, however, have varied but little in the prominent articles of consumption.

BARK.—No sales reported of quotations. The stock is light, but equal to the present demand.

COTTON.—Market quiet with a light stock on sale. Sales of Alabama at 10¾ a 10¾ cts; Upland 11 cts. for fine N Orleans 11¼ cts has been offered and refused.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The week is uncommonly light and the demand confined mainly to the supplies required for our consumption at the prices current last week. Sales of odd stock Pennsylvania, at $4.06¼ from ground at $4.75 per bbl; extra bakers brands, 4.87½ a 5. Sales of Western Flour, at $4.37½; good brands in bbls under $4.43, and in round bbls $4.50 a $4.56. Rye Flour is steady, with sales at $4.75. Corn Meal—Sales in bbls at $3.25.

GRAIN.—But little Wheat arriving. Sales of good Pennsylvania red at 98 per bushel, afloat. It is in request. Rye—Sales at 57½ a 58 cts in store. Corn—Prices receding. Sales of Southern flat yellow at 59, and white at 61 cts. Sales of Pennsylvania yellow at 59 a 61 cts. Oats—Sales at 32 cts.

PROVISIONS.—The demand has become quite limited, but prices have not varied. We quote Mess Pork at $13.50 a 13.75; Prime $12.50 a 12.75. Bacon—Hams 9 a 10, Sides 8 a 8½, and Shoulders 7 a 7½ cts per lb, for flat to prime quality in tcs.

SEEDS.—About 300 bbls Mountain do have been taken to-day at some elevation on previous sales. About 600 bbls New Orleans, Cotton seed, have been purchased in New York by some of the trade. Stock light and holders firm.

WHISKEY.—Sales of Pennsylvania at 27 cts, without particular notice.

WOOL.—Sales in lots, at 32 a 33½, occasionally at 35 cts. Sales in bbls at 22 cts.—*North American.*

PROSPECTUS

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD.

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THE OLIO.

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That gives it all its flavor.

An Apology for Missing.

"The rabbit winds him on they meet,"
As on the window verge they fly;
The vallies that the mountains' feet,
And the mountains kiss the sky.

The storm lies, entwin'd of love,
Their tombs bepressed with flowers,
And swallows leave bright heaven above
To kiss this world of ours!

The swinging billows kiss the beach,
Through in most calmely fashion,
And the cypress hugs the earth to reach,
To enjoy the darling passion.

The flowery clouds kiss Phœbe's light,
The starry sky adorning;
And day-beams kiss the brow of night,
Into the burst of the dewy morning.

The joy kisses from its birth,
All other emotions consuming,
And all things bright and fair on earth
Seem most engaged in kissing.

As this by all is seen and heard,
And known to be the most true love,
'T were most unnatural and absurd
I should not now kiss you, love.

A WOMAN'S PROMISE.—Henry Carey, cousin to Queen Elizabeth, after having enjoyed her majesty's favor for several years, lost it in the following manner:—As he was walking one day, full of thought, in the garden of the palace, under the queen's window, she perceived him, and said to him in a jocular manner, "What does a man think of when he is thinking of nothing?" "Upon a woman's promise," replied Carey. "Well done, cousin," answered Elizabeth. She retired, but did not forget Carey's answer. Some time after he solicited the honor of a peerage, and reminded the queen that she had promised it to him. "True," said she, "but that was a woman's promise."

PHYSICIANS.—It is pleasing to see the rude customs of our ancestors adopted to our modern civilization. Our German forefathers believed that he who died a natural death must pass a long time in suspense before entering into the enjoyment of Walhalla, and therefore always called in some one to put an end to their life, when there was any danger of its ending in a natural way. We have preserved this custom, and the result is—doctors.

A REVOLT.—"Friend Franklin," said Elijah Tate, a celebrated Quaker lawyer, of Philadelphia, one day, "these hennes almost every thing; can thee tell me how I am to preserve my small beer in the back yard? My neighbors are often tapping it of nights." "Put a barrel of old Madeira by the side of it," replied the doctor; "let them but get a taste of the Madeira, and I'll engage they will never trouble thy small beer any more."

MATRIMONY.—It has been remarked that, in general, persons choose to unite themselves in matrimony to a partner the most opposite in every point, moral and physical. Generally speaking, indeed, it seems to be everybody, upon intimate acquaintance, became heartily sick of his own self, and married a person as unlike the disagreeable original as possible.

BITE.—Some people always have a *bit* which they put in the way of every thing. Inquiring of such a one the character of his neighbor, he replied—"Why, he is a pesty fair, clever sort of a man—but—hem!" "But what?" "Why a—hem—why he feeds his pingsy old horse on sunbim!"

A CLERGYMAN'S LIFE.—How full of beauty how desirable and how picturesque is the lot of a clergymen, especially in the country! Religion and poetry dwell with him, like twin sisters; and his thoughts, when they turn aside from heaven, rest on all that is most beautiful on earth.

WESTERN ELOQUENCE.—"If," said a lawyer pleading for his client whose garden had been sadly disfigured by his neighbor's pigs—"if law is so far gone out of our free and enlightened country, that our neighbor's pigs must go without yokes, than in vain did our fathers bleed at Bunker Hill, and die at Yorktown."

SILENT NATIONS.—Those nations which are more remarkable for silence or slowness of speech, as the Arabs, English and Germans, possess fiery, eloquent poetry, while that of more loquacious people, as of the French and Italians, is tamer and colder.

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.—"Jim, does your mother ever scold you?"

"No—something worse than that."

"Does she ever whip you, Jim?"

"No, never whips me, but she *weakens* my *face* every morning."

CHILDHOOD.—It is an error, if we suppose that childhood is the happiest part of life. A child's pleasures are like early spring flowers, pretty but pale and fleeting, and sometimes as fleeting. The rich and fragrant treasures of the heart are not developed so early.

DIVINE CONSOLATION.—"I shall *die* happy," said the exparing husband to the wife, who was weeping most dutifully by the bedside, "if you will only promise not to marry that object of my unceasing jealousy, your cousin John." "Make yourself quite easy, love," said the expectant widow, "I am engaged to his brother."

THE FUNDS.—Any given century may be likened to a fine estate which we have inherited, which, however, is incumbered with the mortgage, debts and lawsuits of those who were before us. Let it be our care to clear off those as well as to enjoy the property.

A BULL.—An Irishman was sent out to put a letter into the post office, directed to a lady. He brought it back. "Bad luck to them post officers, yer honor," said he, "this letter won't go." "Won't go?" "Divil a bit—The dirty spalpeens have got a place for the letters for the mails, but screw a one is there for the *females*!"

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.—Its like was never looked upon. Here we find freemen, and there slaves; here a nation over-old, and there one overyoung; as in bad years, ripe, half-ripe, and green grapes hang on the vines at once—and the dome himself cannot make sound wine out of them!

WOMENS LOGIC.—"I say, old Phrizzlefiend!" said a antler to a chap with the blues, "how me if I doesn't wash you back!"

"Me back! oh! what for!"

"Why, 'kase you doesn't look as though you've had any lately, my hearty!"

WARFARE.—To find poets and authors devoting themselves to letters, while all around is tumult and carnage, reminds me of the lark, which soars and sings over the battle-field as well as over the corn-field.

MAGISTERIAL.—The Mayor of an English city put forth an advertisement previous to the races, "that no *gentlemen* will be allowed to ride on the course, except the horses that are to run."

SEARCH OF TRUTH.—Blind Orion shall regain his sight, said the oracle, if he will constantly follow the sun's path through the sky. I, we own for the light, our eyes will be opened.

COLD.—An ice merchant, recommending his commodity, a few days since, declared that his ice was much cooler than any other, as it was made on the coldest night of the season.

DEATH.—The brawling stream of life reflects but a confused image of the bright shapes around us; but when they hover over the still waters of death, we see them clear and lovely.

A SAD FARCE.—An Italian monk wrote a life of St. Francis Xavier, where he asserted that by one sermon he converted *ten thousand persons in a desert island*.

From the Philadelphia Casket, for June.

English Reprints.

JEREMY SHORT LAYING IT DOWN IN THE EDITING' SANCTUM.

"BRAVO!—Jeremy—have at them. Give them a touch of the tiger—succeed."

"As I was saying—of all the trashy things published—a magazine without a sense of the dyeson is the most contemptible. Egad!—what do you editors mean? For what were periodicals invented—let me ask—unless to amuse, and nourish, and cook up some poor rascal of a writer into a decent dish for your hungry readers? And yet the better half of you seem as if you could n't spare room a fly, and thinking love-tales only will be read, content yourselves with thanking heaven, for the little brains it takes to write such trash, until at last you have got to be such sleek, fat, laced, good humored, milk-and-water sort of sentgers, that your empire has almost passed from your hands, your criticisms are nothing more than puffs for the printers, and every little scurvy poetaster kicks up his heels in defiance if you say a word against his stuff. Pretty times these are truly!—and we have to thank you for them.

"Here now—to come to the point—is one of the greatest evils that literary niggardliness can inflict upon a country—an evil which has been going on, increasing annually, ever since the beginning of the century—an evil which is ruining the taste, while at the same time it starves the authors of our country:—and yet scarcely an editor in the land has lifted a voice against, what it suffered much longer to continue, will make us mere shoes and copyists in literature of the London cockneys, and bury in a common ruin, our free-born native writers, and that stern originality of thought, which the sight of our majestic streams and stupendous mountains should wake, as by the touch of the prophet's staff, into being. Ay! sir—these reprints of the novels, tales, romances, and other trash of the English press are poisoning us. They are withering our literature like the hot breath of their Babel, London, wonk whither the wild flowers of our own valleys. But—pass us the bottle, for this fast talking makes one confoundedly dry. I'm just getting a-going, sir—working myself up into a comfortable rage, and if I don't lay about me by-and-bye with the old crutch of mine, then my name is'nt Jeremy Short, nor have I shot buffaloes at the Black Hills.

"Do you know who they are that select the works which our two great publishers reprint?—Well, sir, I would n't give that for them—no! not a snap of my finger. Messrs. Carey, Lea and Blanchard, and the five brothers of New York are all very fine fellows—and I venerate them for their generous hospitality to Mr. Trollope, Miss Sedgwick, Mrs. Grey too, with her 'Duke and the Cousin,' and for the life of me I can't help saying—against the authoress, and not against the woman, mind the distinction—that this latter novel sets every former one at defiance, is nothing short of perfection, dilated to the veriest weak, and—in one word—I'd as lief kick the bucket, as diagram my laurels, by criticising it.

"There—thank my stars!—I've got through the slough, and yet these are specimens of the stuff which is forced down the throats of the community, half the editors in the country lending their aid by systematic puffery, to heap up this greediness for English re-prints. What will become of the taste of the people heaven only knows? They shall soon get such accommodating palates, under this system of literary quackery, that they will swallow, like ostriches, sticks, stones, old iron, and, in short, every thing that offers.

"But this is only the beginning of the evil. This constant re-printing, by fostering the first for *English* writers, would drive native competition out of the field, even if the British and American works could be sold at the same price; but when we take into consideration that the taste costs the publisher merely the price of a London copy, together with the expense of the publication, and that the latter costs him a heavy sum for the copyright, superadded to all the other outlays, we cannot help lifting up our hands in speechless surprise, and wondering by what hook or crook the poor rascal of an American manages to get an audience at all. And few—alas!—do. Many a warm heart, and brilliant intellect has wasted its energies in making pills, or measuring broad-cloth, when—had it been given a fair field—it might have soared to the loftiest heights of poesy or romance, winging its way to the very pinnacle of fame. Even those who succeeded in bribing these Cerebuses, and gaining the ear of the public for a while, and whose talents, among those fit to judge, are ranked as undeniable,—even those, I say, with few exceptions have retired one by one from the field, or only maintain it by the sufferance of England, and the popularity which they enjoy abroad. Bryant, Halleck, Pierpont, and last not least—that young son of thunder—Whittier, all have felt the truth of this; while Irving, Cooper, Willis, and Fay, never think of publishing a volume here, until it has first been issued from, and received the sanction of the London press. Faugh! on such slavery. That Cockney after all was right—though I could have broken his head for it—when he sneeringly said that in literature we were yet, and long would be, only the provinces of England. And this is to be written of us too, when every hill and valley is full of poetry, and there is scenery all around us to kindle grander emotions in the heart than the lakes of Westmoreland, or the blue hills of bonny Scotland. Yes, sir—I repeat it—there is poetry all around. On the brown hill side, in the quiet valley—on our snow-capt mountains, amid the green savannahs of the South—by the roar of Niagara, the melancholy sweep of the Mississippi, the forests of a thousand years of glory, and the dark, wild gorges of the Rocky Mountains, there is sublimity which all England cannot rival, filling the heart with lofty aspirations, and giving a portion of that same vastness to the mind which is in every thing around. Let me hear no more of our inferiority to the English—the man that says it is a fool, a dastard, a traitor to his country. We are a grander people: our national mind is loftier than theirs. Amid the storms that sweep along our coasts, and the thunder that booms and exults amid our hills, we draw our first inspirations of that lofty feeling, which every hour of our after life strengthens, and which will make us the first nation of the world. Heaven save us from the recreants who would malign our genius, and add us bow and truckle to your perfumed critics of Cockaigne.

"Ah! that was a long swing—your health, sir—but it makes my blood boil to see the indifference of Americans upon this point. Up and be doing, sirs,—lay about you right and left—and make some of those dainty ears go back whelping to their dams. What do we want here with your fashionable novels, with their folly and frippery, their lords, dukes, and princes, setting the heads of our daughters all agog, filling our sons full of bergamot, and poisoning the whole fabric of society with notions about patricians and plebians, that are fitter for a despotism, or an oligarchy than a republic like ours? What do we want with coarse, brutal novels, extolling house-breakers and murderers, until the distinctions of right and wrong become confounded, and our children think what a fine thing it would be to play the part of a Guy Fawkes or a Jack Sheppard? What—I say again—do we want with the poems of the Earl this, or the tit, to the exclusion of those bright and beautiful imaginings which are left unread, or unpatronised at home? Egad!—I see you 're catching the spirit—rubbing your hands as I live—I shall soon expect to behold you letting drive, side and side, hitting and pelting away till you 've given every rascally son of them a thorough drubbing. English re-prints indeed!—here 's to a better taste in selecting them, and may they soon be so regulated that they shall not crowd our authors out of the market.

"But they may tell you that though the re-prints of the last six months have been so worthless, they are not always so, and that besides they are better than the current publications at home during the same time. Don't believe a word of it—it 's all untrue as I 'll show you, not intending to leave a chink where these chaps may creep out. What have they put forth this spring equal to The Pathfinder, or The Voices of the Night, or The Romance of Travel—though that's scarcely a fair example—or a dozen other works I might name almost in a breath, egad! Why, sir, I can point out articles in half—even of your magazines—and in yours not the fewest either—which not only surpass immeasurably these trashy fictions, but the latter are scarcely worthy of being named in the same day. Who pays any to Geoffrey Crayon—who is Bryant—who is Halleck—who is Legare—who are men I might name by scores, contributing to your periodicals, and fostering in that way, the germ, from which is to spring the real literature of America! Ah! I see you begin to appreciate me—you 're waxing warm now, egad—and if we don't sweat some of these fat fellow's jackets, then may I never toss off another bumper of your claret, or puff away at that old meerschaum of mine. But you need n't brave so loudly yet—we 'll shout if you please when we get out of the woods.

"What say, however, is all this talent to no, that now breaks forth only in fitful flashes, unless we bring it into continued play, by patronizing our native writers? And how can you expect a man of sense, in these days, to devote his time to literature unless he is paid for it, and handsomely too? Man must eat as well as think—and the mere glory is after all but nonsense—and who will submit to wear a thread-bare coat, drink muddy ale, and be jostled by every fat tradesman merely for the name of a poet, author, or any other sort of beggar? Let me hear no more then of this writing only for fame. Dose Bulwer do it?—does Dickens do it?—does James do it?—did the immortal Sir Walter Scott himself do it? Out upon the whole tribe of your canting critics, who bid authors look to posterity for their reward. The day for such things has gone by. Unless our men of talent can reap a livelihood at least from their pens, depend upon it they will leave literature to itself, and set up in a learned professions, or take, in pure despair, to trading. While men are reaping tons of thousands annually on the other side of the Atlantic, from the sale of their own writings, shall the authors of America be driven to subsist on the scanty pittance of a few hundreds, doled out by patronizing publishers, or—no offence I hope—by still more patronizing editors of magazines? Yet so it is. The reason, too, is still the same. Our authors must either ruinously sell their works at a price to cope with the English re-prints, or attempting to obtain a fair return for their labors, nail themselves to the counter, and let their works fall stillborn from the press. Each of them consequently as publish often, seek at once the fountain head, issue their work in London, and coming over home, in all the solemn puffery of Cockaigne, sweep the stakes against every other competitor. Do you know, sir, that Cooper's "Pathfinder" was, and Fay's "Countess of Ida" *is*, advertised for publication by the London press, weeks, almost months before their appearance at home? Once put down this unnatural competition, make our people pay roundly for their English volumes, and—mark ye—our native writers will then, and not till then, have a fair competition in their power. Give them that—they ask no more. Heaven grant that the boon may soon be bestowed! Until then it is, our literature will not be worth a sou, and as for our authors they 'll be more scarce than honest politicians.

"Ah!—I must take a long breath after that—I've really made myself quite warm with this little bit of a shit-chat, and if it was n't for the perfume of your garden shrubs, floating through the casement, and the delicious coolness of this sparkling nectar, I really believe I should have talked myself into a fever before now. But—I beg pardon, I see you 're uneasy—here's a bumper to American authors and American literature!

"You bring up the copyright law! Well—you 're half right let me tell you; for nothing but the folly of our people, and the avarice of our publishers could have prevented its passage years ago, in a modified form at least. But it has two opposing interests to contend against—that of the printers, and that of the publishers. The first fear that if the act becomes a law, the English works hereafter to be re-published here, will be printed with stereotype plates, cast in London, from the original forms, and capable, on that account, of being afforded to the American publisher, and imported by him into this country, at a less cost than the price of composition here alone. This—you see—will cut off an extensive branch of the compositor's business. But do you not also see that this objection is a chimera; for we have but to increase the duties on stereotype plates, and what then—let me ask—need our printers fear? But the fact is that they are not so much the foes of the law themselves, as they are the tools of more interested, more designing, more avaricious men, who put forward these honest craftsmen to fight in the fiercest of the battle, while they—the pearsons!—sat calmly stroking their chins in their cozy parlors. Yes, sir—it is the publishers who are the real enemies of this law. If it passes, half their business will be cut off at a blow,—for an English novel then costing as high here as in London, none but the very best will find a market, the now enormous sales of trashy re-prints will decline, and then the department of their business, affording the richest profit, will be completely ruined. No wonder they oppose the act—no wonder they try to alarm the printers—no wonder they denounce, proscribe, and the authoress until they are red in the face. Egad, sirs—if I was in the same category—I don't really know whether even my patriotism would stand the shock, or whether I would n't be found clustering through the country, bawling, roaring, shouting, and harangning at every cross-road, court-house, and public meeting against this—what d' 'ye call it?—nefarious act. But do n't think I dislike our publishers—they 're very clever chaps in their way—but after all they 're only money-makers, and—Lord bless you!—can better things be expected of them?

"And now, sirs—cheering I declare—to gather up the stray threads of my argument, and twist them into a compact fabric, what can remedy the evil, inflicted on us by the present system of re-printing English works—an evil which is ruining the taste of the people; starving our authors to death; closing the field against fair competition; making us the apes, copyists, and pensionaries in letters of England; and blasting American literature even in the bud—what can prevent all this, I ask, so well as a proper, just, well-balanced law, regulating international copyrights? I don't care a fig for the English authors, under my present view of the subject—though a pretty smart argument—I'll just say in passing—might be made upon that head of the matter. I only care for my country, I wish to rouse public sentiment upon this point: if I once get you in harness, tilting against all comers, in defence of pure, old, unadorned, American genius, I'll lay down and die in peace. But—egad!—here comes the coffee—and now for enjoyment in the concrete, my lads."

J. S.

HUE AND CRY—For Advertisement.

REWARD.

Where is my bird? whose warbling morning lay
Came sweeter to me than the nurse's kiss;
Whose notes would lead my buoyant heart away
Till thought was lost, and gushing tears were bliss.
I've gazed upon it lovingly and long,
With hands upon the wires to set it free,
But when I hears its glad contented song,
I felt how strangely links that bird could be.
Reward.

Where is my dog? who looked into my heart,
While fine responsive feeling gave reply,
And eloquence beyond the reach of art,
Lay to the thankful love of his dark eye.
Where is my dog? I more him amongst the leaves,
So scarred and maimed by wind and weight;
The world is joyless, if the world bereaves
The hunter's heart of all to which it clings.
Reward.

Where is my cat? my calm domestic friend,
Whose tortoise-shell and hearth-rug contrast to look
So home-like, when the lamp would send
Its softened radiance o'er my evening book.
Where is my cat? my fly the Arcadian child
Dream-dimpling like a moss-imphatic flower—
My cat that used to guard—gainst rat and vid,
God! must I see her sitter hoist by hour!
Reward.

Where is the rock? In the last tenant gone
Of those old cities that round my father's house
Threw their romantic glories, where summer shone
And bees in myriads revelled to harvest o'ground roses!
The easiest read the wild typhoons can sleep.
The miller to the stream clank dozes on.
But I, beneath those rustling leaves must weep
O! might not my young joy forever gone.
Reward.

Where is the deer? whose stately motion burst
Through bank, copse and old ancestral tree,
Stopping to quicken its wild, silent
Then wandering at their ranging to the breeze;
The deer—the monster of the—branched mazes—
Whose breath is calm, whose food plenty leaves.
Whose last for innocence alone was mine—
Gone social spirit for thy absence grieves!
Reward.

The friend—who parted with me yesternight,
And with the nettering cause, on friend to gray;
Whose to be sure, those prominent beings of delight!
What hope will chase a brother's fears away
The friend, whose never failing adieu gave
My drooping heart its kindliest parent clat
Who saved the soul that was but—pardon a slave,
And united with wisdom worldly fatal away!
Reward.

Where is my wife? on my forsaken bed
My widowed eye broods mournfully and strange;
A curse in gathering has a weight of lead.
And madness or my laugh, come any change!
Our little ones—our fair lasted lisping pets,
Whose ringing laughter filled our scarring hearts.
Are they forgotten? Pure love never forgets!
And ain most stretch where sunshine no or departs.
Reward.

Where is my child? my blessed orphan boy
Who met me ever with his mother's smile.
Till hallowed memory became a joy.
And all this weariness was gone awhile.
Reward for him—my hope—my life—my all!
Restore him to me! And I would in grace,
Ye grasping worldlings! hire it festival!
Feed on my heart! Give us one common grave!
Reward.

A. L. FILKERSON.

Germantown.

THERE WE LOVE.—At all times, in this wintry life, the presence of those we love is like a gleam of sunshine through the clouds, lighting up one particular spot amid the shadows, and giving warmth, and lustre, and loveliness to all beneath the ray. That passing gleam still seems brighter than the full sunshine.

The Schoolmaster Abroad.

The Baltimore Clipper tells a good story, of which the following is the substance:—A board of "School Commissioners," who encumber a consequential little village, in Maryland being in want of a teacher, advertised in the newspaper for "a well-disposed, moral man, who could teach the dead languages, and did not drink whiskey or chew tobacco." After a fortnight of this advertising had elaborated, a raw-boned Yankee made his appearance, with a knife and a pine-stick in one hand, and a *Cape Cod protection*, alias a cake of gingerbread, in the other, and held the following dialogue with the committee aforesaid:

"Well, sir," said the chairman, eyeing the candidate from head to foot, "do you possess the necessary requisites for a public school teacher?"

"I guess I do," said Slick, whittling his stick.

"Do you understand Latin," asked one of the committee men, a Dutch farmer.

"I guess I do," replied Slick, again resuming the end of the stick with the knife.

"Well, let's hear some of your Latin," said the chairman.

"Quambo hic equabium et punkinitun lingum," said Slick, drawing his coat sleeve slowly under his nose.

"Humph!" exclaimed the Dutchman, "is dat Latin? Who's to nuther?"

"Josephus," replied Slick; "he says in his life of Governor Hancock, the truest photo Monday morning—Hancockibus quod erat demonstrandum."

"Dat's goot," exclaimed the Dutchman, rubbing his hands, "dare never was better Latin."

"Now, sir," said the chairman, "I suppose you understand geography?"

"I guess I do," said Slick, sharpening the end of his stick.

"How far have you been?"

"As far as the Deestrict of Colomby."

"What state is it in?"

"A state of desperation."

"What latitude are we?"

"According to the thermometer we're ten degrees below zero."

"Which is the most Western part of North America?"

"Cape Cod."

"Good. Now, sir, let us see how far you have studied mathematics. What's the area of a square acre of land?"

"That depends upon the quality," replied Slick snapping the blade of his knife.

"Well, suppose it be good corn land?"

"Why, then, it depends upon the number of hills?"

"Say—five hundred."

"Guess you nought as well tell a feller how many grains you plant to the hill?"

"Four."

"Then, according to Euclid, it would be seven hundred and forty-two feet horizontally perpendicular."

"Excellent. Pray where are you from?"

"Staunton, down in the Bay state—and I can do most anything."

"No doubt; but there is one thing which you cannot do—you cannot humbug us: you may go."

Words That Thrill Me, Love?

When will them never more, love? I tell me, I pray?
When we fondly together unheeded may stray,
Where none, but the nephyrs our fond vows may hear,
And the sweet woodland choir softly fall on the ear.
When wast thou most me, love? dc.

Wilt thou never me at noon by the rippling stream,
When the sun o'er the waters doth pour his bright beam,
And hast on its waves a thousand gems kindled,
When blossom unbonded by all eyes save ours.
When, when will thou meet me, love? dc.

Wilt thou never me at eve, when the daylight doth fade
In the low forest glen or the opening glade?
When the sky is all studded with stars brightly gleaming,
And the ocean is lost in tenth unclouded in beaming.
When, when will thou meet me, love? dc.

Tower of Babel.

The following account of the Tower of Babel is from Sir Robert R. Porter's travels in Western Asia, between the years 1817 and 1820, as quoted by Professor Sullman in his last number of the Journal of Science.

This is an immense pile of ruins—at its base it measures 2026 feet in circuit; width 450 feet—it presents two stages of hills, the first about 66 feet high, cloven into a deep ravine by the ruin, and intersected with the furrows of ages. To the base of the second ascent is about two hundred feet from the bottom of the entire pile, and from the base of this ruin to the top is 35 feet. On the Western side, the entire mass rises at once from the plain in one stupendous, though irregular pyramidical hill, broken in the slopes of its sweeping acclivities by time and violence. The south and north fronts are particularly abrupt toward the point of the brick ruin; on the north side there are large piles of ruins of fine and solid brick work, projecting from among immense masses of rubbish at the base; the fine bricks were evidently part of the extreme summit in a solid mass 28 feet broad, made of the most beautiful brick masonery, and presenting the apparent angle of some structure originally of a square shape, the remains of which stand on the east to the height of 95 feet, and to the south 22 feet. It is rent from the top to nearly half way down—the remains of the masonry are furnace burnt bricks; they are united by a calcarious cement about a quarter of an inch in thickness, having in it a layer of straw, and so hard that it could not be scratched. The base of the structure was not altered, but the layers of fine bricks thrown down were vitrified with various colors, and they gave the ringing sound belonging to the vitrifications of glass in the manufactories; the lines of cement are visible and distinct, and are vitrified. The consuming powers appear to have acted from above, and the scattered ruins fell from a higher point than the summit of the present standing fragment.

The heat of the fire which produced such amazing effects must have burned with the force of the strongest appearance of the cleft in the wall and those vitrified masses, I should be inclined, says the author, to attribute the catastrophe from heaven. Ruins, by the explosion of any combustible matter, would have exhibited very different appearances. The entire surface of the structure appears to have been faced with fine brick.

Juvenile Department.

Written for the Saturday Evening Post.

Geographical Enigma.

For young Students in Geography.

I am composed of twenty letters.
My 10, 12, 18 and 20, is a county in Indiana.
My 12, 14, 20, 13, 6, 9, 14, 11 and 12, is a county in Maine.
My 13, 6, 3, 14, 17, 20, 3, 9 and 5, is one of the U. States.
My 12, 3, 20, 12, 3, 14, 14 and 6, is a river in Illinois.
My 13, 20 and 20, is a river in Russia.
My 3, 14, 20 and 3, is a gulf North of the Russian Empire.
My 11, 3, 20, 5, 14 and 7, is a city in Virginia.
My 11, 9, 18, 20, 13, 6 and 15, is a lake in N. York
My 2, 3, 15, 11, 19, 11 and 12, is a county in Kentucky.
My 11, 9, 3, 11, 18 and 20, is a town in Russia.
My 6, 9, 16 and 14, is a river in Prussia.
My 9, 10, 5, 3, 13 and 13, is one of the Germany States
My 16, 1, 19, 13 and 12, is a county in Ohio.
My 5, 3, 12, 9, 6, 15, 11 and 14, is a county in Illinois.
My 10, 13, 6 and 9, is a river in Prussia.
My 19, 11, 20, 6 and 4, is a lake in Sweeden
My 7, 3, 15 and 3, is a town in Arcica.
My 11, 16, 5, 10, 4, 3, 13 and 15, is a river in Buenos Ayres.
My 3, 10, 9 and 20, is a cape in the Southern part of South America.
My 9, 18, 3, 13, 10, 19 and 14, is the name of a river in the Southern part of Virginia.
And my whole is the name of a person,—a very eminent man in Pennsylvania, who died in the year 1840.
An answer is requested.

GOOD TIMES.—The best times the world ever had, were frequently those which were called the worst by their contemporaries, those of trial, suffering and sacrifice. When we clear out an old sell, or open a new one, there arises a foul and deadly vapor, which destroys the laborers, yet from them flows ever after health and refreshment.

Sun.

The human mind—that lofty thing!
The palace and the throne
Where reason sets a sceptred king,
And breathes his judgment tone.
O! who, with almost step shall trace
The borders of that hunored place,
Nor in his weakness own
That mystery and marvel bind
That lofty thing—the human mind.

The human heart—that restless thing!
The tempter and the tried;
The joyous, yet the suffering—
The source of pain and pride;
The gorgeous throng—the desolate;
The cent of love, the lair of hate,
Self strong, and self denied!
Yet do we know their, as thou art,
Thou restless thing—the human heart!

The human soul—that startling thing!
Mysterious and sublime!
The angel sleeping on the wing,
Worn by the scroll of Time—
The beautiful, the veiled, the bound,
The earth-enslaved, the glory-crowned,
The stricken in its prime!
From heaven its tears to earth it stole,
That startling thing—the human soul!

And this is man—O! ask of him,
The gifted and forgiven—
Whether his vision, dwear and dim,
The wrecks of Time ere driven:
If pride or passion in their power,
Can chain the tide or charm the hour,
Or stand in place of heaven!
He heals the hurt, he hears the knee—
"Creator! Father! none but thee!"

The Heart Family.

There is not a family to be met with in the history of any country whose misfortunes afford so striking a proof of the sad vicissitudes of earthly affairs, as that of the ancient Stuart race. From the days of Walter the Seneschal down to our own times, very few of his Royal descendants died a natural death. For instance: James I. of Scotland, who succeeded his father Robert III, after being twenty years a prisoner in England, was assassinated by his subjects. He was captured by the English in 1404, near Flamborough Head, in Yorkshire, on his passage to France, whither he was going for his education. He was an excellent poet, and the author of the "King's Quair," a poem in six cantos; Christe's Kirk of the Green," and "Pebles to the Play." During his captivity in England he had fixed his affections on the Lady Joan, daughter of the Earl of Somerset, whom he married, and with whom he entered Scotland in 1423. This King is the subject of a chapter in Washington Irving's "Sketch Book." He was crowned at Scone the year following, and was murdered in a monastery near Perth, in 1437. For the fullest particulars of his death I refer the reader to "The Spaewife."

James II. his son, was killed in his twenty-ninth year at the siege of Roxburgh, in 1460, by the accidental bursting of a cannon, near which he was standing. James III. put in prison by his people, was either slain in battle by the revolters, headed by his son and successor, James IV. or murdered, after being thrown from his horse, in a precipitate flight from the scene of action.—Sabobie Burn, his son, was afterward seized with deep remorse, which manifested itself in severe penances.

James IV. perished in an engagement with the English, at Flodden field.

James V. the Fitz James of the "Lady of the Lake," died of a broken heart at the early age of thirty. Mary, his daughter, was beheaded.—Charles I. grand-son of Mary, lost his head on a scaffold. Charles II. his son and successor, suffered many hair-breadth escapes, hardships and privations, and according to some accounts, died by poison. James II. his brother, was driven from his kingdom, and died in exile at St. Germains.

James Francis Edward, styled the old Pretender, son of James, invaded Scotland in 1715, but was unsuccessful in the attempt.

He died at Rome, December 30, 1765. By his consort, Maria, daughter of Prince Sobieski, he left two sons, one of whom was the modern Ascanius, the chivalrous adventurer of 1745, Charles Edward, styled by the adherents of the House of Hanover the young Pretender. He made a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to gain the throne of his ancestors.

He died in 1788. His brother, the second son, the Cardinal York, paid the debt of nature at Rome, in 1807, aged eighty-two.

A Thunder-Storm.

There are few things, if any, in all that portion of the universe which is exposed to the eyes of man, so grand, so mighty in beauty, so magnificent in splendor, as a great thunder-storm. The feeble and impotent contention of man with man, even upon the grandest scale, is fain to borrow from the cloudy war of the storm images to give it grandeur. We hear of the thunder of the cannon, of the lightning flash of the artillery. But what is it all to the reality, when forth from the cloud bursts the deafening voice of the storm upon the ear, and upon the eye blazes the blinding flash of the levin bolt of heaven! Where shall we produce lights like that, casting their splendor from one verge of heaven to the other? where shall we find sounds so magnificent, so grand, rolling along the whole vault from the zenith to the horizon? Yet there are few persons who view a thunder-storm with the same feelings; and, indeed, the differences of human character are tried by scarcely anything more finely, than by the sensations produced upon the mind by that phenomenon. There are many who are terrified, and that terror may proceed from a thousand other causes than mere mental weakness. There are some who have been taught fear irremediably in their youth. There are some actually afraid of corporeal danger. There are some scarcely afraid, but awe-struck and overpowered. There are others, again, who have neither fear, nor awe, nor admiration, the dull fabric of whose minds is incapable of any fine sensation. There are some who do more, and admire the storm, but admire it simply for its grandeur: there are others who do so likewise, but go far beyond; who commune it with visions of bright things, who hear tongues like those of angels in the voice of the thunder, and who gaze upon the blaze of the lightning, lighted by its splendor to far faint visions of Almighty power and majesty.

Funerals.

A funeral in a country town is always a melancholy thing, much more so than in the midst of a great city, where the multitude of living, instead of offering, as might be supposed, a strange and startling contrast to the procession of the dead, seems to carry away all thought of mortality upon the tide of animation, and the only fitting and reasonable observation is, "Lo! another drop of water gone from the ocean." Almost every circumstance is to man, in general, very little impressive, except by its association, which are the channels whereby the events that occur to others apply themselves to our own hearts; and the general moral that we must all die, is the only one suggested by the sight of death in a large city. But in a village, or hamlet, or small neighborhood, a funeral has, in general, a thousand associating ties with the mind of every one who beholds it, bringing it near both by feeling and generous, and to selfish hearts. One man, when he sees his companion borne to the grave, thinks of the boyish days of happiness which he has spent with him, and looks back upon the past with regret. Another mourns him, cut off early before his family are provided for, leaving a widow or parents behind. Another thinks, "He was my schoolfellow, and he is gone; it may be my turn next." So each reads his comment in turn; each feels an interest in the man he has personally known; and gloom and darkness for a time take possession of every heart.

LIFE.—We get satisfied of life, become it never can satisfy. Man has been compared to an ephemera, but wrongly, for the little creature of a day emerges from cloth and darkness to a brilliant existence, while we flutter round for a while like winged flies, and then grow dull and oavy, and turn to grubs.

TO THE AGENT, No. 19 North Eight street.

Dear Sir:—There is not one medicine which has so small an introduction into the public privets in proportion to its virtues, as that of DR. SWAYNE'S COMPOUND SYRUP OF WILD CHERRY. I have recently ever observed it to occupy a good position in the respectable more than once or twice, and that in a very brief manner, just sufficient to let the people know that there was such an article. Whilst other medicines much inferior in virtue, embrace "whole columns" are puffed and blown to "the skies," and "certificates of persons reported Agents and again," even long after they have been layed in their at last trouble, perhaps ever to be forgotten, (if not heard forth in public prints as being cured of maladies of which they have long been dead.

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Yours, with respect, L. W.

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